

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended to put the application into a condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 3, & 5 remain in this application, although the Examiner has not so indicated in the Office action. Claims 1, 4 and 6 are herein canceled. Claims 2, 3, & 5 were indicated as being allowed the Office action dated May 8, 2003. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on July 21, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 2, 3, & 5 are currently allowable.

Claims 1, 4, & 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen *et al.* (U.S. 5,956,625) in view of Deguchi (U.S. 5,793,619). These claims have been canceled, making the rejection moot.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested, because only allowed claims 2, 3, & 5 remain in this application. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33045.

Respectfully submitted,

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